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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to human trafficking prevention training for
2 persons seeking to renew a commercial driver's license, and
3 including applicability provisions.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 321.175 Human trafficking
2 prevention training – commercial motor vehicle operators.

3 1. *Definition.* As used in this section, “human trafficking”
4 means the same as defined in section 710A.1.

5 2. *Human trafficking prevention training.*

6 *a.* A person seeking renewal of a commercial driver’s license
7 must certify to the department that the person successfully
8 completed approved human trafficking prevention training since
9 the person’s last renewal, or since the initial issuance of the
10 license if it is the person’s first renewal.

11 *b.* The human trafficking prevention training shall be made
12 available to commercial driver’s license renewal applicants by
13 the department and may be developed in conjunction with the
14 department of public safety, another governmental agency, or a
15 nongovernmental or community organization that has expertise
16 in the area of human trafficking. The human trafficking
17 prevention training must be approved by the commissioner of
18 public safety.

19 3. *Training content.* The human trafficking prevention
20 training shall focus on the accurate and prompt identification
21 and reporting of, or response to, suspected human trafficking.
22 The human trafficking prevention training shall include, at a
23 minimum, all of the following:

24 *a.* A general overview of human trafficking.

25 *b.* A general overview of state law on human trafficking.

26 *c.* The definition of human trafficking and the commercial
27 exploitation of children.

28 *d.* Guidance on the difference between labor trafficking and
29 sex trafficking.

30 *e.* Guidance on how to recognize potential human trafficking
31 victims.

32 *f.* Guidance on how to recognize potential human traffickers.

33 *g.* Guidance on how to identify activities commonly
34 associated with human trafficking.

35 *h.* Safe and effective responses to human trafficking

1 agency, or a nongovernmental or community organization that has
2 expertise in the area of human trafficking. The training must
3 be approved by the commissioner of public safety.

4 The training must focus on the accurate and prompt
5 identification and reporting of, and response to, suspected
6 human trafficking. The minimum requirements for the training
7 content are outlined in the bill.

8 A CDL operator who has completed the training pursuant to the
9 bill and who acts in good faith is immune from civil liability
10 for reporting suspected human trafficking activities to any law
11 enforcement official.

12 A CDL must be renewed every eight years, with certain
13 exceptions.